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No. 2.

ABOUT TOWN MATTERS

IN ARLINGTON.

Notices of concerts, lectures, entertainments, etc., to which an admission fee is charged or from which a revenue is derived, must be paid for advertisements by the line.

=Account of hurdy-gurdy party on outside column, fifth page.

=The new street on the Squire estate below Lake street named "Arlington" on the original plan, has been renamed Mar-a-thon.

=A whist party occupied G. A. R. Hall, Tuesday evening, at which fifteen tables were in use. Later there was dancing.

=This week, Mr. Gott has turned out from his carriage factory another sample of his fine work in the shape of a grocery wagon for one of our local traders.

=Rev. Mr. Fister will lead the young people's meeting at the Universalist church, Sunday evening, and will give a talk on history of the early church.

=The Boston C. E. Gospel Chorus will hold a rehearsal next Wednesday evening, Jan. 12, at 7.30 sharp, in the Bromfield street Methodist church, Boston.

=Mrs. James Doughty left Arlington, Thursday forenoon, for an extended visit among relatives residing in Stamford, Conn., New York and New Jersey.

=A talk on the history of the early church will be the topic of the Y. P. C. U. meeting in the vestry of the Universalist church, Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock.

=We would acknowledge the receipt of tickets for the dramatic performance of "Iolanthe" by the Winchester Amateurs in Town Hall, Winchendon, on Saturday evening, Jan. 13th.

=Mr. R. W. Hopkins and family returned to their city residence on Wednesday, having closed the Pleasant street house for the winter. Mrs. Helen Hopkins-Dolliver will make her home with her parents.

=The Baptist Endeavor Society will meet in the vestry, next Sunday evening, at 6.15. "Our temptations and their conquests," is the topic. Bible references, Heb. 4:11-16. Mr. E. Nelson Blake will lead the meeting.

=The dramatic entertainment given by Mrs. Roberts last spring with much acceptance, will be repeated in the Universalist church vestry on the evening of Jan. 20. It is entitled "The Man in the Case" and is full of fun. Full particulars next week.

=The monthly business meeting of the Baptist Endeavor Society was held in the vestry, last Friday evening, at 7 o'clock. President Harold L. Frost was in the chair. Secretary and committee reports were read and accepted and other matters discussed.

=Spy pond was scraped, on Wednesday, of the snow which fell the previous night so the skating there is good once more. Crowds were on the pond the first of the week, making a lively and picturesque winter scene as viewed from the car windows.

=The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society will meet in the parlor of the Congregational church, Monday, Jan. 10th, at 4 p.m. Mrs. Brown, of Harpoort, Turkey, will give a talk, and the envelopes containing the annual New Year's offering will be opened.

=The Endeavor Society of the Congregational church will hold its quarterly business meeting and social, on Monday evening, Jan. 10. The business meeting commences at 7.15 o'clock and the social and entertainment at 7.45. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

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=Be sure and hear Osborne Howes, Esq., talk about "New Boston County," at Town Hall, next Monday evening. The theme is important, the speaker eloquent and interesting.

=The next meeting of the Chautauqua circle will be at Mrs. Geo. O. Goldsmith's, 13 Whittemore St., on Monday, Jan. 17th, at 3, p.m. Quotations from different months of the year, as sent to members on cards.

=Our temptations and their conquests," is the topic for next Sunday evening's Y. P. S. C. E. meeting, held in the vestry of Pleasant street Congregational church, at 6.30 o'clock. Miss Jennie L. Gott will lead the meeting.

=The annual "at home" and New Year party of the local Chautauqua Circle was to have taken place at The Maples on Monday evening of this week, but was unavoidably postponed on account of the sudden illness of Mrs. E. Nelson Blake, the president of the Circle.

=A high board fence has been built to screen the coal sheds of the Peirce & Winn Co. for their entire length in the railroad yard opposite the centre station, adding very materially to the neat and trim appearance of the yard. The fence has been nicely constructed and suitably painted.

=The statement issued by the Broadway National Bank, Boston, with the opening of the new year, is gratifying alike to management and those having business with it. It shows a handsome surplus and a deposit total of over \$2,000,000.00. The scope of its business is world wide.

=On Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Edw. L. Parker, of Bartlett avenue, accompanied by Miss Mary E. Fowle, started for an extensive southern trip to occupy several weeks. They go first to Galveston, Texas, where Mr. Parker is called on business, but on the way home the party will stop at various points of interest in the south.

=At a meeting of the Congregational Sunday school, held Tuesday evening, Mr. Austin's declination of the office of superintendent was accepted and Mr. E. L. Churchill was chosen for the ensuing year in his stead. Mr. Frank E. Lane consented to serve another year as secretary of the school.

=Mrs. Geo. W. W. Sears, of Arlington, attended the reunion of the Abbott Academy Club, which was held at Hotel Vendome, Boston, last Saturday afternoon, and which proved one of the noted society events of the week. Mrs. Sears is a graduate of Abbott Academy, which is located at Andover.

=The reading by John Fox, Jr., to have been given in Sanders' Theatre, Harvard College, on the 12th inst., has been unavoidably postponed to the evening of Feb. 12th. This reading is the last in a series of readings and lectures given under the auspices of the Cantabrigia Club, of Cambridge, in the interest of their Radcliffe scholarship fund.

=Mrs. E. Nelson Blake suffered a serious prostration of the nervous system on Saturday of last week, but we are more than glad to announce that she is steadily improving, having rallied in quite a remarkable degree in the short time since her illness. Of course it was necessary to recall the invitations sent out for the reception which Mrs. Blake was to have given at The Maples this evening.

=On Jan. 4th, the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bailey were given a surprise by their own children and their brothers with their wives. The happy party numbered fourteen, and they presented the honored couple with some appropriate gifts, including a parlor clock, a cut glass dish and a large vase containing thirty-five pinks.

=It is less than fifteen months ago that it was our pleasant privilege to write of the happy event which united in marriage Dr. Geo. Carroll Dolliver, formerly of Gloucester, and Miss Helen G. Hopkins, of Arlington, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hopkins, and now it is our sad duty to write of the death of the former, which took place at the Pleasant street residence of his wife's family, on Thursday noon, Dec. 30th. The universal popularity of the young couple and their extensive family connections made the death one widely mourned and enlisted the sympathy of the entire community. On examination, the cause of death was found to be a tumor at the base of the brain, evidence of which began to show itself about a year ago and which gradually developed till the end came quietly and peacefully. The doctor was saved the pain of realizing the fatal character of his disease and continued his practice till early last fall when he was obliged to resign it and came out to Arlington where he was attended by every comfort which love and wealth could command. The



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=At the public meeting in Town Hall, next Monday evening, the speaker will be pleased to answer any questions put to him regarding the proposed New Boston County.

=The case of Commonwealth vs. Thomas Bailey for violations of Chapter 100 of Gen. Statutes, was called in the Cambridge Court on Wednesday. He was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and four months in House of Correction. He appealed but was committed to jail in default of bonds.

=Mrs. S. Fred Hicks, Mrs. Horace Homer and Mrs. H. B. Pierce have consented to matronize the select dancing party to be given under the direction of Mr. Wm. Hunton, in Town Hall, Arlington, on the evening of Monday, Jan. 17th, when ten pieces of Louis S. Peale's orchestra will furnish the music. The tickets are now to be had of Mr. Hunton and have been placed at a popular price.

=The Rev. F. W. Gibbs, of Amesbury, Mass., will preach at the Universalist church, Sunday, at 10.45, a.m. Mr. Gibbs is the son of Rev. W. W. Gibbs, D. D., who delivered the sermon at the recent anniversary exercises of Hiram Lodge of Masons, and was born at Arlington when his father was pastor of the Universalist church. This is the first time that he has preached in Arlington.

=An Arlington school boy has been honored by the assignment of a special part in the program of the graduating class of '98, of Tufts College, at the commencement exercises next June. He is by name, Geo. A. Ahern, and has won the honor by his application to the college work and the excellent scholarship to which he has attained. His Arlington friends and teachers offer their congratulations in the honor which their interest in him causes them to appreciate and share.

=The brief announcement of the death of Mrs. Nellie W. (Stickney) Jewett, wife of Geo. W. Jewett, and only daughter of Mrs. Sylvester Stickney, in last week's paper, came as a shocking surprise to many who did not know of her illness, but a wide circle of friends have participated in the sorrow of the family over her untimely death. Mrs. Jewett's friends and teachers offer their congratulations in the honor which their interest in him causes them to appreciate and share.

=Wednesday evening the ladies of the Samaritan society concluded their sewing circle with a parish supper held in the vestry of the Universalist church, somewhat after six o'clock, when a nice supper was partaken of. During the evening Miss Higgins and Mrs. Fred S. Mead played duets and there was a pleasing recitation by a little miss. The remainder of the evening was spent socially and in playing games.

=The class of '96, A. H. S., since graduation, has kept intact the pleasant associations formed while in school by holding reunions, from time to time, at the houses of the different members. On Thursday evening, Dec. 30, the class met for its 8th reunion with Miss H. Priscilla Russell. A very interesting entertainment had been prepared and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Alice Johnson.

=At the annual meeting of Arlington Baptist church, officers for the ensuing year were chosen, as follows:— Clerk and treasurer, George T. Freeman; standing committee, Rev. C. H. Watson, D. D., the deacons, clerk and Messrs. F. A. Johnson, Franklin Wyman, George G. Allen. It was voted to continue the calendar for weekly distribution, to constitute the minor committees as now constituted and in general to follow the form of service adopted last year. A contribution of \$25 was made to the Quincy Baptist church.

=The G. A. R. fair committee held its final meeting last Friday evening and completed reports were made by all subcommittees except Sons of Veterans. The latter has several matters yet unclosed on which it is not easy to realize and the chairman was instructed to use his own discretion and report finally to the Quartermaster of Post 36. This leaves a deficiency in the net cash over the amount reported two weeks ago as the result, but the debt on the hall has been paid and the note, endorsed with "God bless you" by Mr. Blake, was shown by acting treasurer S. C. Frost. The gathering was preceded by a supper and succeeded by a party that saw the old year out and welcomed the new.

=Arlington Improvement Association invites the citizens of Arlington to attend a public meeting in Town Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 10, 1898, when Osborne Howes, Esq., of Boston, a member of the Metropolitan District Commission, will argue for the formation of a new county to include Boston and its immediate surrounding territory and to be known as Boston County. Having studied the question with scrupulous care, and possessing a surprising array of data to reinforce his arguments, Mr. Howes would arrest attention with these alone for his equipment; but he is a pleasing speaker as well and will entertain if he does not succeed in convincing all who hear him of the desirability of the change he proposes. It is because Arlington would be naturally a portion of this new county that all who can do so should be present at this meeting. Seats free and every one invited, the ladies in particular.

=The secretary of the Arlington Baptist Sunday-school furnishes the following resume of the record of the year. Total membership 282. Largest number at any session, 263; smallest, 97; average,

fully kept diary belonging to Rev. Mr. Cook, and going back to the formation of the Parish in 1729. The society is open to any and all who have an interest in matters properly within the scope of a historical society, and new comers to Arlington will be as cordially welcomed as those representing families whose history ante-dates the incorporation of the town.

Arlington Woman's Club Items.

MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.

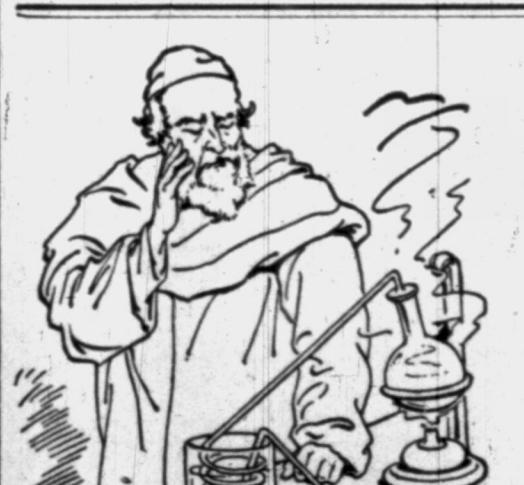
=It will be remembered that not long ago officer Duffy secured the conviction of a young man for mutilating shade trees. Prompt to back its offer, at the first meeting after the conviction Arlington Improvement Association board of control appropriated the twenty-five dollars necessary to make good its offer of a reward for such conviction, and the money has been paid by treasurer Peirce. The reward is still in force and we hope every vandal will be promptly arrested and punished.

Arlington Historical Society.

=At a meeting of this recent but important addition to the social and material interests of Arlington, held Monday evening, the articles of association neatly copied into the new record book were numerously signed by those originating the society and friends rallying to their support and then an hour or more was spent in details necessary to put the new enterprise in full sailing trim. Pres. Edw. S. Fessenden presided, accepting the office with a brief expression of appreciation of the honor conferred.

=The hall platform had two grand pianos and a large chorus, made up of members of the Woman's Club, occupied a space that covered two-thirds of the room. A piano duet by Mrs. H. M. Chase and Miss Grace Munroe introduced the evening's programme, and at other intervals Mrs. Devereaux and Mrs. S. B. Wood contributed a strong four-hand piano number. Mrs. H. M. Chase was the piano accompanist and the skill with which she filled her place, followed the reader and interpreted the composer, was highly commented upon by every musical person present. The vocal parts of Mendelssohn's composition, which was largely choruses, were strongly rendered, but each of them had solo parts and they were well sustained by Mrs. Mills, Miss Grace Monroe, Mrs. Martin, in the order named. Miss C. A. Brackett had trained the chorus and wielded the baton at this public performance and its success was largely due to her appreciation and skill. In explaining to those not present it should be said that Mr. Riddle selected such portions of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream as would give in strong outline the plot or story and that companion passages or themes in Mendelssohn's opera were

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AN UNFORTUNATE EDITOR.

Edison's Experience In Newspaper Making Was Not a Happy One.

In her life story of Edison Mrs. Sarah A. Tooley relates the following concerning the "Wizard":

"Having been successful as a news-seller, Edison lost no time in becoming an editor and publisher, and like Garrison:

What need of help? He knew how types were set.

He had a dauntless spirit and a press.

"True, Tom Edison's press only consisted of a disused set of type purchased for a nominal sum, and his combined printing office and editorial sanctum was a dilapidated luggage van, but it possessed an advantage of which even Printing House square cannot boast—it was migratory. The van converted to this novel purpose was attached to the train on the Grand Trunk railway, and appropriately enough the paper was entitled The Grand Trunk Herald.

"A further venture was Paul Pry, in which, if any one may be excused a pun, the editor 'pried' into things in too free a manner, and some individuals, incensed at his fun at their expense, dipped him into the river to cool his imagination. Further disaster followed when one day a phosphorous bottle upset in his laboratory and nearly set the train on fire. The conductor promptly removed Edison and his apparatus, printing and chemical, to the platform at the next stopping place.

"It was a bitter moment, of which Edison cannot think without feeling over again the sense of utter hopelessness and desolation which came upon him when he saw the train whirling off while he stood alone and forsaken among his broken goods, his ear tingling with a brutal box which injured his hearing for life."

DIDN'T RECOGNIZE GOULD.

Story of a Man Who Thought the Financier a Bunko Steerer.

Once when the late Jay Gould went to Margaretville, N. Y., with his physician and private car, he called on his old friend George Decker, a retired merchant of the village, who was formerly a clerk with Gould in Roxbury. Every one who knows Mr. Decker well calls him "G," and this was what Mr. Gould said to him:

"Hello, 'G'! I guess you know me this time, don't you?"

A few years before Decker, while in New York on business one afternoon, was suddenly confronted on Broadway by a dapper, black eyed little man, who grasped him by the hand, exclaiming: "How are you, Mr. Decker? I am glad to see you."

Mr. Decker looked the little man over from head to foot, and hurriedly answered:

"Yes so am I, but I don't know you, sir. Good day."

"But, hold up," said the other, "aren't you George Decker of Margaretville?"

"Oh, yes; that's all right," responded Decker, "but I am in too great a hurry to be interviewed today, my friend. You have struck the wrong man."

"Yes, perhaps," said the little man, "but my name is Jay Gould. Don't you know me?"

"Jehosaphat!" exclaimed Decker. "I took you for a confidence man."—Philadelphia Press.

Metalized Wood.

The following process, invented by Mr. Rubenick, for metallizing wood, is thus described by Leo Mondes: "The wood is first immersed for three or four days, according to its permeability, in a caustic alkaline lye (calcaceous soda) at a temperature of from 75 to 90 degrees. Thence it passes immediately into a bath of hydrosulphite of calcium, to which is added, after 24 or 36 hours, a concentrated solution of sulphur in caustic potash. The duration of this bath is about 48 hours, and its temperature is from 35 to 50 degrees. Finally the wood is immersed for 30 or 50 hours in a hot solution (35 to 50 degrees) of acetate of lead. The process, as may be seen, is a long one, but the results are surprising. The wood thus prepared, after having undergone a proper drying at a moderate temperature, acquires under a burnisher of hard wood a polished surface and assumes a very brilliant metallic luster. This luster is still further increased if the surface of the wood be first rubbed with a piece of lead, tin or zinc and be afterward polished with a glass or porcelain burnisher. The wood thus assumes the appearance of a true metallic mirror and is very solid and resistant.—Invention.

Tennyson and Birds.

Agnes Weld, a niece of Tennyson, speaks thus of the poet in The Contemporary Review: "Much as Tennyson noticed every individual tree and plant, bird life had a still greater attraction for him. He was much touched by the fact that the caged linnet loses the red plumage from its head and breast at the first molt after its captivity, and never regains them, and he thought of devoting a whole poem to the deep yearning for liberty of which this was the sign and type. And one reason he climbed almost daily, when at Freshwater, to the summit of the Beacon down was because he loved to watch the wild, free flight of the sea gulls circling around its lofty cliffs."

Contrary Infant.

"My wife couldn't go to the concert last night because the baby threatened to have a cold."

"That was too bad."

"Yes, and now she is hopping mad because the baby didn't have a cold after all."—Chicago News.

English farmers, who know it is against the law to use ferrets to drive out rabbits, place in the burrow a rubber hose with a tin horn on the end inserted. Then they blow the horn, and bunny comes out in quick order.

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ARLINGTON FINANCE CLUB.

Meets by invitation fourth Tuesday of each month.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SOCIAL THIRTY.

Meets in Crescent Hall third Thursday of each month.

A. O. H. DIV. 23.

Meets in Hibernian Hall, corner Mystic and Chestnut streets, first and third Thursdays of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

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MENOTOMY R. A. CHAPTER.

Meets third Tuesday of each month in Masonic Hall.

G. A. R. FRANCIS GOULD POST, NO. 36.

Meets in G. A. R. Hall, Massachusetts Avenue, second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 8 o'clock p. m. W. R. C. No. 43, meets on afternoons of same dates, at same place, at 2.

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Meets in G. A. R. Hall first and third Thursdays of each month, at 8 o'clock p. m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, NO. 109.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month in K. of C. Hall, over Shattuck's store.

ROBBINS PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Building is open to the public as follows: Sundays, 2:30 to 5:30 p. m.; Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 2 and 7 to 8 p. m.; book room, 1 to 6 p. m.; Wednesdays, 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 9 p. m.; book room, 1 to 8 p. m. Saturdays, 10 to 12 a. m., 1 to 9 p. m.; book room, 1 to 9 p. m.; Wednesdays and Saturdays only, during the month of August.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS BRANCH.

Open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 6; 7 to 9 p. m. Thursdays, 3 to 6; 7 to 9 p. m.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Selectmen meet at their office in Town Hall on the last Monday evening of each month for two hours, at 8 p. m. Meetings each Saturday evening. Town Clerk and Treasurer, office hours 8 to 12; 2 to 5; also Saturday evenings. School Committee, third Tuesday evening of each month.

WOMEN'S C. T. UNION.

Meets in Baptist Church vestry first and third Fridays of each month at 3 p. m.

O. O. P. BETHEL LODGE, NO. 12.

Meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, Bank Building, every Wednesday evening, at 8.

ARLINGTON FIRST PARISH.

Meets in First Parish, corner of Pleasant and Academy Streets, at 8 p. m.

UNITARIAN.

Meets in Unitarian Church, corner of Pleasant and Academy Streets, at 8 p. m.

EVANGELICAL PARISH.

Meets in Union Chapel, Arlington Heights, Sunday afternoons.

ARLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH.

Meets in Arlington Baptist Church, corner of Pleasant and Academy Streets, at 8 p. m.

(Unitarian.)

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THE CATTLE KINGS.

ONCE A GREAT POWER IN THE WEST, THEY ARE NOW DISPLACED.

Small Stock Raisers Have Driven Out the Larger Ones—Big Ranges and Water Holes Fenced In—How the Bonanza Cattle Outfits Made Enormous Profits.

The great cattle ranges of western North Dakota and Montana, where for nearly 20 years, the bonanza cattle outfits have held complete sway, and where cattle have roamed the vast prairies at will, like the buffalo a quarter of a century ago, are passing out of existence.

The deathknell of the large cattle companies has been sounded by the innumerable settlers who have, taken up vacant government land in the great grazing region, built "shanties" in the vicinity of every natural spring and water hole, fenced in thousands of acres of grazing land and driven the immense herds of the bonanza cattlemen from place to place, until there is no place left for them to go. All the years that the vast prairies of the west have remained unsettled have been worth millions to the cattle princes. Hundreds of thousands of cattle have been imported, placed upon the ranges at a cost not to exceed \$16 a head for the 2-year-old steers, allowed to roam at will for two years, at an average animal cost not to exceed \$3, and then sold in the market at Chicago for an average price of \$45 to \$50. The free ranges offered by the millions of acres of unsurveyed and unoccupied government land have been turned into millions of dollars in cold cash by the cattle kings, but the tide of immigration to the west has sealed their fate and they are ready to go.

For 20 years nearly a vast region lying along the western part of North Dakota and the eastern strip of Montana measuring 100 miles in width and 150 miles in length has been entirely given up to the interests of the cattle kings. Thousands of head of cattle have been grazed year after year, countless trainloads of beefeves have been shipped to market and millions of dollars have gone into the pockets of the cattlemen. Pierre Wiebeaux, the Montana stockman, said to be the largest single owner of cattle in the United States, has numbered his total possessions of cattle at 50,000 head. The Berry-Boise Cattle company has owned and grazed each year not fewer than 30,000 head, and there are numerous companies that have essayed to keep on the ranges an annual total of from 10,000 to 35,000 head. The vastness of the business of these cattle companies may be estimated from the fact that the annual shipments for the past few years have been from 8,000 to 6,000 head for each of the large companies. The annual profits of the larger companies, after deducting the original cost of the cattle and the cost of their maintenance upon the ranges, are from \$75,000 to \$150,000—all that from the free ranges of the government, given without taxation or any return whatever.

To understand the situation that has existed up to the present time it must be remembered that this broad region which has been given up to the interests of the cattle growers has not been intersected by a fence, disturbed with a plow or graced with a field of grain up to a few short years ago—noting for miles but short nutritious grass, which cured on the prairie, as clover in a stack, and served equally well for food in dead winter as in the heat of summer.

Forth upon this vast area every spring have been poured streams of gaunt, ill shaped, long horned and lean ribbed southern cattle. Left to roam at will, they have thriven and waxed fat, until in two years they have become sleek and fat and comely to the eye. During all that period they have been as free and untrammeled as were ever the buffalo. But at the close of the maturing period they have been rounded up, driven to railroad stock shipping pens and loaded upon the cars for a trip to market. Their places are taken by fresh importations from the south. And so, year after year, have the processes been repeated, until the profits that were known to have accrued from the business have tempted thousands of small holders of cattle to settle in this region and engage in the beef business on a smaller scale.

The presence of these smaller operators is the inevitable doom of the cattle kings. Their vast herds are no longer allowed to roam the ranges undisturbed. The small ranchmen have built fences and inclosed the water holes. The prairies have been made to yield to the mowing machine, and the former free grass has come to be cut and stacked as hay, until the ranges in many places are bare of feed for the herds of the larger companies. These conditions are responsible for the closing out of the cattle princes. There is no longer room for their thousands of beefeves. Fifteen thousand cattle, the property of one of the larger operators, succumb to the severity of the weather for no other reason than that the ranges had been denuded of grass by the numerous smaller ranchmen. This was a warning that the most obstinate must heed. And so the cattle companies that formerly numbered their possessions by the thousands of head may now number them easier in hundreds. The small ranchman is the man upon whom the market of the future must rely for its beef.—*St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

Out of His Depth.

"What," said the girl with loose hair around her ears and a spasmodic manner, "is your opinion of the ultimate destiny of the human race?"

"Did I—er—understand you to say the ultimate destiny of the human race?" inquired Willie Washington.

"Yes."

"Why—um—if you want my candid opinion, I should say that—uh—that it's a long ways off."—*Washington Star.*

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EPISODE OF THE LATE WAR.

Last Night of a Southern Soldier on the Battlefield.

"Don't leave me, captain! Oh, don't leave me!" were the words that came to me with an agonized shriek from a bleeding and dying Confederate soldier on the evening of the great battle of Malvern Hill, July 1, 1862. He, a mere youth of 17 years, lay in a heap, gasping for the breath which was fast leaving him, along with the rays of sunlight, on that sad and memorable day. I, for whom that piteous cry was meant, was a staff officer of the brigade to which the Louisiana regiment, the soldier boy's regiment, was attached.

Well mounted, I was galloping back across that bloody field to report the duty I had performed when suddenly arrested in my course by the voice of despair and woe, coming from my stricken comrade. The day was fast passing away into darkness, a darkness that seemed to enshroud this valley of death. The terrific cannonading on both sides had last for hours from the surrounding hills (Malvern hill being the central point of attack by the Confederates) was supplemented by the booming of artillery and bursting of shells from the gunboats on the adjacent James river.

Nature seemed to revolt at this scene of blood and carnage. Thunder and lightning and an avalanche of rain came in quick succession with such great force as to cause the stoutest heart to quake. This great battle was the seventh day's fight to capture the city of Richmond. It was not an ordinary battle, but a demons' fight and the final encounter between those two giants of war Robert E. Lee and George B. McClellan. It gave the laurels of victory to the southern chieftain, bedewed with the tears of broken hearts.

Without stopping to consider what I alone could do for the dying youth amid the chaos and increasing darkness of the night that prevailed, I turned back and dismounted to keep a lonely vigil with the dead. My horse, which, strange to say, had seemed frenzied with fear, became quiet and tractable as though he knew there was safety with his master. I called the boy, who had swooned away from loss of blood, and was glad to know he was not dead. Giving him the bridle of my horse to hold, I tore the sash from around my waist to bandage his torn and bleeding limb.

The boy was praying and called down God's blessing on me. His petition to heaven seemed to be heard. The storm of wind and rain, although still high, was abating. Naught but the mournful wail of the wind through the surrounding forest could now be heard. The great armies that had so lately confronted each other in battle array had seemingly vanished from the scene. I was alone on a battlefield with the dead. Wet and dripping, with the chill of night upon me, I waited for morning, and he, too, the brave soldier boy, was waiting for morning. Oh, God, will it ever come?

He clasped my hand with hope and confidence and seemed to be happy and without pain. I believed he had gone to sleep. Morning came, and he was still asleep—asleep to wake no more.—Dawson A. Blanchard in Washington Post.

ANCIENT WARFARE.

How an English Castle Was Attacked In the Fifteenth Century.

Sir John Fastolf had by his will devised his castle, called Caister, to John Paston. As a fortification, it was an excellent defense against foreign invaders, and as a residence it was worthy of royalty itself. In fact, the Duke of Gloster, afterward Richard III, at one time contemplated making it his abode. While Paston was trying to establish his title in the courts the Duke of Norfolk purchased a pretended claim to it, and sought to gain possession by force. The Pastons did not propose to yield, though the duke was then probably the most powerful noble in England, and John Paston was his liveried servant. Four professional soldiers were sent up from London to aid in the defense. They are described as "provid men, conning in warr and can wel schote both gonnes and crossbowes and devysse bolwerkys and keep wacche and warden. They be saddle and wel advised, saving on them, whyche is ballyd (bald) but yit he is no brawler. Ye shall fynd them gentylmanly comfortable fellowes, and that they dare abyde by ther taklyng."

Young John Paston, aided by these four and by a handful of personal friends and followers, held the castle for several weeks against a siege conducted by the duke's army of 8,000 men. By the terms of the final surrender the besieged were allowed their lives and goods, horses and harness, and a respite for 15 days, in which to go where they pleased. They reported that they were forced to surrender by "lak of vitayl, gonepowdyr, menys herts and surtey of rescue." Edward IV had refrained from interfering in this extraordinary contest, because the troubles with Warwick were gathering thickly about him, and the Mowbrays were too necessary to be safely offended.—*Sewanee Review*.

Smoke and Lightning.

"On the approach of a thunderstorm French peasants often make up a very smoky fire," says Industries and Iron, "in the belief that safety from lightning is thus assured. By some this is deemed superstition, but Schuster shows that the custom is based on reason inasmuch as the smoke acts as a good conductor for carrying away the electricity slowly and safely. He points out that in 1,000 cases of damage by lightning, 6.8 churches and 8.5 mills have been struck, while the number of factory chimneys has only been .3."

"It's so seldom," said Uncle Eben, "dat a man jes' puceeds along, tryin' do 'is bones' duty, dat when he does folks goes ter guessin an 'spicin' in dat he's playin' a mighty sly game."—Washington Star.

Boston & Maine Railroad, SOUTHERN DIVISION.

On and after Oct. 4, 1867, trains will run as follows:—

LEAVE Boston FOR Reformatory Station, at 6.25, 8.17, 10.17, a. m.; 1.47, 4.47, 6.17, p. m.; Sundays, 12.50, 6.00, p. m. Return at 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 9.30, a. m.; 12.35, 3.55, 6.00, p. m. Sunday 8.25, a. m.; 4.06, p. m.

LEAVE Boston FOR Concord, Mass., at 6.21, 8.17, 10.17, a. m.; 1.47, 4.47, 5.47, 6.17, p. m.; Sunday, 12.50, 6.00, p. m. Return at 6.05, 8.36, a. m.; 12.30, 4.0, 6.05, p. m.; Sunday 8.30, a. m.; 4.06, p. m.

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LEAVE Boston FOR Lexington at 6.25, 8.17, 9.17, 10.17, 11.17, a. m.; 12.17, 1.47, 3.47, 4.47, 5.17, 5.47, 6.17, 7.10, 7.50, 9.15, 10.20, 11.30, p. m.; Sunday, 9.15, a. m.; 12.50, 2.00, 4.30, 6.06, 7.15, 9.45, 10.05, p. m. Return at 5.20, 5.57, 6.27, 6.57, 7.27, 7.57, 8.30, 8.43, 9.59, 10.55, a. m.; 12.15, 12.51, 2.39, 3.45, 3.52, 4.19, 5.05, 6.37, 8.09, 9.09, 10.09, p. m.; Sunday, 8.57, a. m.; 12.45, 2.10, 3.00, 4.25, 6.04, 8.15, p. m.

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LEAVE Boston FOR Lowell at 6.50, 8.05, a. m.; 4.05, 6.02, p. m.

LEAVE Lexington FOR Lowell at 7.06, 10.33, a. m.; 4.20, 6.15, p. m.

LEAVE Lowell FOR Lexington AND Arlington at 6.42, 9.15, a. m.; 3.00, 5.44, p. m.

TIME TABLE.

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Arlington Heights to Bowdoin Sq.

ROUTE NO. 701 (8.1-2-58)—Via Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard Square, Main, West Boston bridge, Cambridge, to Bowdoin Sq. Returns via Green and Chambers, thence same route.

Time—First car 5.01, 5.21, 5.34, 5.56, 6.11, a. m., and 15 min. to 7.11, 7.23, and 12 min. to 9.11, 9.26, 10.15, min. to 3.26, 3.39, and 10 min. to 5.29, 5.41, 5.56, 6.11, and 15 min. to 7.41, 7.57, 8.16, 8.36, and 20 min. to 11.16 p. m., last car. Return 53 min. later.

Sunday—First car 6.01, 6.31, 6.56, 7.11 a. m., and 15 min. to 9.56, 10.16, 10.36, 10.56, 11.15 p. m., last car.

Night car—Leave Arlington Heights at 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, (4.30, a. m.), via Beacon and Harvard streets (via Harvard square). Sunday) Leave Bowdoin square (weekdays) 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, a. m., Sundays, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, a. m.

Arlington Heights to Park St. Station, Subway.

Time—First car 5.49, 6.04 a. m., and 15 min. to 7.04, 7.17, and 12 min. to 9.05, 9.19, 9.34, and 15 min. to 3.26, 3.39, and 10 min. to 5.29, 5.41, 5.56, 6.11, and 15 min. to 7.41, 7.57, 8.16, 8.36, and 20 min. to 11.09 p. m.; 11.30 a. m. to Corhill, last car. Return 53 min. later.

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The government receipts last month, without counting the Union Pacific payments, met all expenses, leaving a handsome surplus. Ring out the deficit, ring in the time-honored Republican reduction of the public debt.

A sure indication that business is improving is the placing, the present week, of an order for five hundred new freight cars by the Boston & Maine R.R. Co. It is placed with a New Hampshire concern and will keep all hands busy for four months.

We trust our readers will be prompt in renewal of subscriptions. The setting up of our plant in a new building entailed large expenses and the present style of the paper is maintained at no small additional cost weekly; then again our postage bill is four times as great as formerly.

Where is a country bank of its size and capital that can make as good a showing as Arlington National Bank presents in its sworn statement published in another column? Enterprising and up-to-date in every way it has grown in regard of the general public beyond the estimate of its most sanguine advocates.

John Reed, the confidence man, who, after swindling scores of New England people out of thousands of dollars by various bunco games, was recently arrested, has forfeited his thirty-one thousand dollar bail and disappeared. There must be large wealth behind him to stand a drain like that.

At noon on Saturday last the city of Somerville cut off permanently its Mystic lake water supply to become a part of the Metropolitan system formally inaugurated by Gov. Wolcott and the Water Board letting on the water from Nashua river at the Boston gate station. The water comes to the city through the huge 48-inch main put in the past summer but will be distributed through the old pipes.

The annual meeting of Mass. Press Association occurs next Sunday. It will be held at the United States Hotel, Boston, the meeting will be followed by a banquet at which Gen. Knowlton, Gen. Taylor and Stephen O'Meara, Esq., will be the special guests, and the evening will be spent at Boston Theatre, the management extending this courtesy for the thirteenth consecutive year. The Highland Orchestra of Woburn will furnish music at the banquet.

With the third annual exhibition of the Boston Poultry Association, which will open in the Mechanics' Building on Jan. 18, and continue up to and including Jan. 22, are to be combined the pigeon show, formerly given separately, and the Boston cat show; and in addition valuable prizes are offered for parrots, paroquets and cockatoos, canaries, finches and other cage birds, and pet stock, such as rabbits, guinea pigs, fancy rats and mice, etc. This will greatly enlarge the scope and increase the interest of the exhibition, especially for the general public. The entry list is very large, and the total number of exhibits will undoubtedly exceed that of last year, which was the greatest on record in Boston, and has rarely, if ever, been equalled at any show in the United States.

With the first issue of 1898 the old Cambridge Press changed hands, Mr. Warren T. Billings, of the Boston Herald staff, succeeding the veteran James Cox, who for thirty-two years has been publisher and editor of this publication. In making this announcement the new editor says of our friend Cox:

It is not necessary to speak of the personality of this veteran in the newspaper ranks of our city; he is too well known to young and old alike, and to our citizens in every rank of public and private life. Suffice it to say that his career has been one of great honor, one of unexcelled integrity, and one of fairness and charity to all. His host of friends throughout the city, who, while regretting his retirement from the post he has so long held, can but rejoice with him that his path in life is hereafter to be much less arduous, will readily testify to this.

Mr. Cox has been honored by the citizens of his District with a seat in the Legislature, by his associates in his profession with responsible offices in the Mass. Press Association, and all these will follow him into his retirement with the best of good wishes. To his successor the fraternity extends a cordial greeting.

Old Glory's Staff.

At a recent dedication of a staff and flag at Thompson's Island Farm School, Sr. Vice-Commander John E. Gilman, of Mass. Dept., G. A. R., participated in the exercises and read the following original poem:

Ye plant it firmly in the earth,
And wedge its base with rock,
This shapely mast of solid worth,
Whose towering height and slender girth
Shall breast the storm-kings shock.

There let it stand, within the ken
Of strangers from afar,
More powerful than voice or pen
To tell the tale of noble men
Who fought in Freedom's war.

And when the sunrise gun is fired
From yonder sea-girt isle,
In modest uniform attired,
You boys, with loyalty inspired,
Will fall in, rank and file.

And old and young, and strong and weak,
Our country's flag you'll bear,
And raise it proudly to the peak,
Where, floating gracefully, 'twill speak
Of patriotism rare.

'Twill speak to you, in thunder tones,
Of fields where heroes bled,
Of mangled flesh and shattered bones,
Of dying men's last feeble moans,
Of grim and silent death.

T will tell of Grant, who led the van
In that last grand campaign;
Of Sherman and of Sheridan,
Whose fertile brains did often plan
A brilliant coup-de-main.

'Twill tell of thousands who have died
To make their brethren free,
Who were the nations strength and pride,
Whose valor saved and unified
This land of liberty.

And more than all, 't will be to you
A trusty beacon light,
To guide you in whate'er you do,
And keep you loyal, stanch and true,
And quick to see the right.

So, boys, we veterans of the war,
With speech and song and prayer,
Do dedicate this stately spar,
An honor of the G. A. R.,
And place it in your care.

And you'll defend it, boys, we know,
With dauntless heart and hand,
Against foreign or domestic foe
Who dares to strike a hostile blow
At our dear native land.

We commend it to the perusal of the school children of the town and suggest that the best speaker in each room be detailed to commit it to memory and give it as a declamation at the coming observance of Memorial Day which occurs on the Friday before that date. We have printed extra copies that can be had on application at this office.

The January Century has the opening part of Dr. Weir Mitchell's new novel, "The Adventures of Francois: Foundling, Juggler and Fencing Master during the French Revolution," which is illustrated by Castigne and is expected to be a worthy successor of "Hugh Wynne." Another beautiful Gainsborough, engraved by Muller, the "Portrait of General James Wolfe," is one of several pictures of this hero given in an article on that topic by Paul Leicester Ford. Other contributions on English topics are "Scenes from Huxley's Home Life," by his son. Among the French subjects are an article on "French Wives and Mothers," by Miss Anna L. Bicknell, with illustrations in his picturesque style by Boute de Monvel; a short paper on Jean-Charles Cazin, a French artist of a different type, with illustrations of his work; and an historical study by Archibald Forbes, the distinguished war correspondent. The American material includes "Recollections of Washington and his Friends" as preserved in the family of Nathaniel Greene; "Every-Day Heroism," a paper in the "Heroes of Peace" group, by Gustav Kobbé; the continuation of Mrs. Stevenson's Reminiscences of Mexico during the French Intervention, with illustrations—the first popular account printed in America of this period; and last but not least "The Mysterious City of Honduras," the recent discoveries in Copan, here described by the explorer, George Byron Gordon, with a rich array of pictures by Henry Sandham. The "Topics of the Time" deal with current popular subjects, including "straight voting, lynching," etc.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

Both Branches Organize With the Usual Dispatch.

But One Change In Officers—Names and Other Characteristics of Members. Message of the Governor, Etc.

From Our Correspondent.

The general court of 1898 has assembled, and the state government of this year is inaugurated, with the usual ceremonies. Annually the exercises of inauguration call out as many people as can be possibly squeezed into the spacious representative chamber of the extension, and every year there is an election of a new man for president of the senate. His first important duty is to submit himself to the gaze and criticism of the assembled thousands as he presides over the inaugural exercises. This is by all odds the severest test of his ability as a presiding officer, for the senate is not a hard body to control, being tied up with traditions and the fetch of "senatorial courtesy," which would be potent if there were no other means of controlling it. But on inauguration day the president of the senate must take the chair in the two joint conventions which are held, and must see that everything goes according to a program which has been handed down for a century; he must administer the oath of office to the governor, the lieutenant governor and the councilors and in so doing has to perform quite a feat of memory. Still, every senator who voted for George E. Smith of Everett on the preceding day had the fullest confidence that he would prove equal to the occasion, even without what almost anybody would assume to be necessary—a dress rehearsal.

Inauguration day is the only time when the private citizen is able to see all branches of the government—executive, legislative and judicial—together. On that day the higher courts suspend business, and the chief justices, and as many associate justices as are within reach, take themselves to the state house under escort of the only rival Sergeant-at-Arms Adams has, Sheriff O'Brien, who comes up adorned with gold belt and spangled hat, carrying a terrible sword, and precedes his honorable protégés down the central aisle in a manner indescribably gorgeous.

On Wednesday the two branches came together, the senate being called to order by the senior member, Hon. Josiah C. Bennett of Lynn, and the house by Francis P. Harlow of Plymouth county, who has served two terms of two years each at different times, and now begins another. The governor and council of 1897 being notified of the assembling of the two bodies, came into each under escort of the sergeant-at-arms, and his excellency swore them to faithfulness to truth, to the state and national constitution, knowing that the body which thus qualified for their work would on the following day qualify him, and thus keep the machinery running without a break. After this came the organization of each branch, George E. Smith being chosen president, Henry D. Mundine of Concord clerk, and Rev. Edmund Dowse of Sherborn chaplain of the senate; John L. Bates of Boston speaker. James W. Kimball of Lynn clerk and Rev. D. W. Waldron of Boston chaplain of the house. John G. B. Adams of Lynn was once more made sergeant-at-arms. The legislature is conservative, and very rarely changes an official when once he gets in, therefore, with the exception of President Smith, who takes the place of Congressman Lawrence, promoted, there is no change in the officers of the two branches.

Organization perfected, there was nothing left for the presiding officers but to name their committees on rules, and recognize motions to adjourn until the following day, when the inaugural exercises came.

The personnel of the legislature is much the same as usual, with certain variations. Twenty-six of the 40 members of last year's senate are returned, and 123 of the 240 members of last year's house have come back. The senate has 33 Republicans and seven Democrats. The house has 181 Republicans, 54 Democrats, four independents and one Prohibitionist, who, by one of those curious coincidences which happen in politics, is from Tisbury, which furnished the last Prohibitionist who served in the body. There is but one Smith for each branch, while the unusual names are the ones duplicated several times. The oldest member is B. F. Stanley of Newburyport, who was born Nov. 6, 1823, while John J. Kiley of Boston, the youngest member, saw the light July 27, 1874, 51 years later. J. W. Connolly of Fall River is only 11 days older than Mr. Riley. There is the usual preponderance of lawyers, the house containing 34, while there is an unusual scarcity of farmers, only 14, counting Mr. Bennett of Saugus, much better known as a newspaper man, and a farmer from an outer ward of Boston. There are 17 merchants, six carpenters, seven real estate dealers, three or four shoemakers, two tobaccoists, five clerks, one physician, and two jewelers, five bank presidents, and five newspaper men. Quite a number are retired, which may in certain instances mean that they are professional politicians, with no regular means of support, but usually means they are men of experience who fortunately have time to devote to the business of their constituents.

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less an attempt will be made to unseat him.

Mr. Mills of Newburyport is the only clergyman with a pulpit elected, although Messrs. Waite of Medford and Hall of Williamstown have preached, and Mr. Lang is the chaplain of the Lowell almshouse. Mr. White of Somerville is the only physician. The bank presidents mentioned are Carleton of Haverhill, Rowell of Lowell, Whipple of Brockton, Dean of Malden and Hayward of Newton.

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The governor's inaugural message was, as was to have been expected, a wise and judicious address. He opened with a review of the notable observances of the year just closed, including the representation of the commonwealth at the dedication of the Grant monument in New York and the Tennessee centennial, the delivery of the Bradford history of the "Plymouth" plantation, the dedication of the Shaw monument and the centennial of the frigate Constitution. Then he earnestly commented upon the lack of adequate public necessity for a considerably portion of the legislation year enacted. He also pleaded with the legislators not to ask him to decide upon the approval of the most difficult and complex bills of the session during its closing hours.

Then his excellency took up the question of the state debt, showing that in January, 1895, it was \$4,377,663.19, and that today it is something rising \$12,000,000. After naming the important legislation which had produced this increase—the state house abolition, of grade crossings, improvement of Boston harbor, state highways and new hospitals and asylums, he remarked that while it was difficult to single out any part of this expenditure as unnecessary or unwise, yet in the aggregate it had increased the debt of the state threefold in the brief term of three years, a result which could not be regarded with indifference. He urged the members, therefore, to decline to increase this debt, and also to scrutinize carefully every bill which seeks to increase the expenditures of cities outside the debt limit.

On the question of public institutions, the governor comes out flatly in favor of the separation of the work of the board of lunacy and charity, by taking from it the control of insane wards and leaving it simply the care of the charitable institutions interests. In other words, he favors a board of lunacy. This will cause friction. He suggested, also, to aid the state in carrying out its intention of preventing the convict labor from rivaling free labor that the legislature make compulsory the purchase of prison-made goods by state institutions.

Regarding insurance interests the executive urges more stringent legislation regarding assessment insurance companies and additional safeguards for Fidelity companies.

The governor commanded the railroad commission for its action on the West End lease, and asked a careful consideration of the report of the committee on the relations of street railway and municipal corporations.

On the question of taxation, his excellency expressed gratification that, though the report of the commission was not unanimous, neither report was consistent with existing legislation. He hoped the general court could contrive such changes in the system as to secure greater simplicity and equality of incidence and enact a just law, easy to execute and difficult to evade. His view of the rental tax may be surmised by his remark that there should be no discrimination against the householder and the man of business.

The governor commanded the new militia law and the action of the last legislature on the question of public docks. Also the good work of the metropolitan water board, which he believes has done away with all apprehension of a water famine in the metropolitan district. He recommends no new expenditure for state highways, but suggests the wisdom of legislation in favor of wide tires for vehicles carrying heavy loads.

On the vexed Cape Cod ship canal question the governor speaks in no uncertain tones, remarking that he thinks the legislature of this year should recognize the improbability of the construction of the work by private enterprise during the lifetime of the present generation, and thus dispel the cloud that has rested on all titles to real estate in the vicinity for many years; but, in addition, he favors the scheme of having a canal built by the use of convict labor. He commends the work of preserving the original state house, and suggests a commemoration of the return of the departments to it after the lapse of a century from its original occupation. He recommends the adoption of a measure to secure uniformity of legislation on negotiable instruments. He closed his address with a peroration in which he expressed the hope that this year Massachusetts shall present the spectacle of a legislature wise and fearless, truly representative of the best thought and highest aspiration of an intelligent, patriotic and progressive people.

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The Hudson River and Berkshire railroad will ask a Massachusetts character. The taxation question will be one of the biggest problems. The taxation commission has presented two reports. One, signed by the majority, recommends some very radical legislation, and will be favored by the Anti-Doublé Taxation League and opposed by many heavy interests. Who will stand sponsor for the minority report of George E. McNeil on the floor is as yet uncertain, but he will have many friends.

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EAST LEXINGTON LOCALS.

You have enjoyed a sleigh ride?
Mr. Towle and family have moved to Hav-
erhill.

The lecture Sunday evening will be at
quarter of seven.

Mrs. Julia Barrett, of Concord, is staying in
East Lexington.

The Holt house, on Maple street, is pro-
gressing rapidly.

Miss Carrie Kauffmann, of Manchester,
Conn., was home last week.

The winter is fast passing away and the
lengthened days are even now perceptible.

Mr. Merrifield and family have returned
after a very pleasant visit at Newport, Maine.

Miss Ellen Stone made a visit to our village
last week, from the west, where she has been for
several months.

Lawyer Cotton, wife and children, are at
Washington. We regret to hear of Mr. Cot-
ton's illness there.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Tower, of New York,
have been visiting at the Tower mansion, but
returned home this week.

Rev. Mr. Alway preached at Follen church,
last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Key, who was ex-
pected, was unavoidably detained at home on
account of an accident.

Mrs. Barrett, the grandmother of Alice,
Edith and Walter Kilgore, who resided some
years since in our village, was buried last
week from her Boston home.

When we see the many heavily laden teams
which pass through our streets every day with
water, we begin to realize that Lexington is
becoming a famous watering place.

Schools commenced again on Tuesday.
The scholars have had fine coating and
sleigh-riding and have derived much real en-
joyment from this mid-winter holiday season.

Col. Tower's place is being greatly im-
proved by the new addition and the family
will now enjoy a large and elegant dining
room as well as other radical improvements.

At the coming "Minstrel Show," which is
sure to put in an appearance Thursday even-
ing, Jan. 20th, Master Rufie Carpenter, one of
the Trinity choir boys of Melrose, will take
part.

The Misses Marion Jewett, Mildred Cald-
well, Myra Fairbanks and Beulah Locke went
to Roslindale last week and remained over
night for a birthday party at Mrs. Arthur Jew-
ett's.

The "Little Helpers" will meet at the home
of their leader, Miss Maud Snelling, on Mass.
avenue, Saturday afternoon, Jan. 8th, at two
o'clock. They realized twenty dollars at their
booth at the late sale.

The Magazine Club is entering upon a new
year and we are happy to state that the twelve
leading magazines of last year have been sub-
scribed for and there are eleven of the old
members and one new one in the place of
one who resigned.

Have you commenced the New Year with
an Old Farmer's Almanac. It was, is and
ever will be one of the essentials in our New
England homes, containing so much for so
little, the only wonder being that one head
could contain so much.

Mr. Bheen Roy, a native of India, will de-
liver a lecture on India and its people and
customs, Sunday evening, at Follen church.
A collection will be taken. This is an inter-
esting subject and it is hoped our people will
show their interest by their presence.

The Friday Club social comes off this even-
ing, at Mrs. Francis Locke's, and we should
strive to make a good showing, as it is gentle-
men's night. Each member can bring a gentle-
man and, besides a fine supper, there will be
a musical entertainment and some other
attractions.

We hoped that Follen church might com-
mence the new year with a new minister and
thus be enabled to bound more closely to-
gether in furthering the religious work in
our village, but it is not wise to be over hasty,
for the choice of a minister should be a
weighty matter.

Three of the young gentlemen of the class
of '97 of the High school from here attended
the pleasant party held at their classmate's
home Friday evening at the centre. They
kept good watch, with fun and frolic, of the
departing old year and were ready with a well-
come most hearty for the new.

We wish all our readers a very Happy New
Year, but we must all remember that in a
great measure its happiness rests with our-
selves, and one of the most essential requisites
is the payment of our just dues, being square
with the world. We are told, on good auth-
ority, that no class of people really suffer more
by the non-payment of bills than newspaper
men. So at the commencement of the year
'98 pay for your local paper, which is worthy
of your support.

Saturday evening, Jan. 1st, a brilliant New
Year's reception of the Sarah Hull Chapter of
the Daughters of the Revolution was held at
the elegant residence of their regent, Mrs. A.
M. Ferris, at Hunnewell Hill, Newton. Mrs.
Francis Snelling, of our village, who is a
member of the Chapter and a sister of the
hostess, was one of the guests, also her daughter,
Miss Maud Snelling. The house was
beautifully decorated and in the spacious hall
were draped the American flags, and "Happy
New Year" in evergreen letters greeted the
members, while the flags and evergreens were
tied with broad buff and blue satin ribbon, the
colors of the society. The dining room was
like fairy land, with its fine decorations, and
the table was resplendent with silver, choice
glass and china, and Besse, the caterer, fur-
nished a delicious spread of all kinds of salads,
oysters, a great variety of ices, with confection-
ary, coffee and chocolate. The young ladies
served and Miss Maud Snelling was one
of the number. They were dressed in colonial
costume with powdered heads. A grand-
daughter of Commodore Hull was present, the
Chapter having been named for her grand-
mother. A fine orchestra discoursed sweet
music during the evening.

A Cure for Lame Back.

"My daughter, when recovering from
an attack of fever, was a great sufferer
from pain in the back and hips," writes
Louden Grover, of Sardis, Ky. "After
using quite a number of remedies without
any benefit, she tried one bottle of
Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and it has
given entire relief." Chamberlain's Pain
Balm is also certain cure for rheumatism.
Sold by O. W. Whittemore, Arlington, and
by L. G. Babcock, Lexington, druggists.

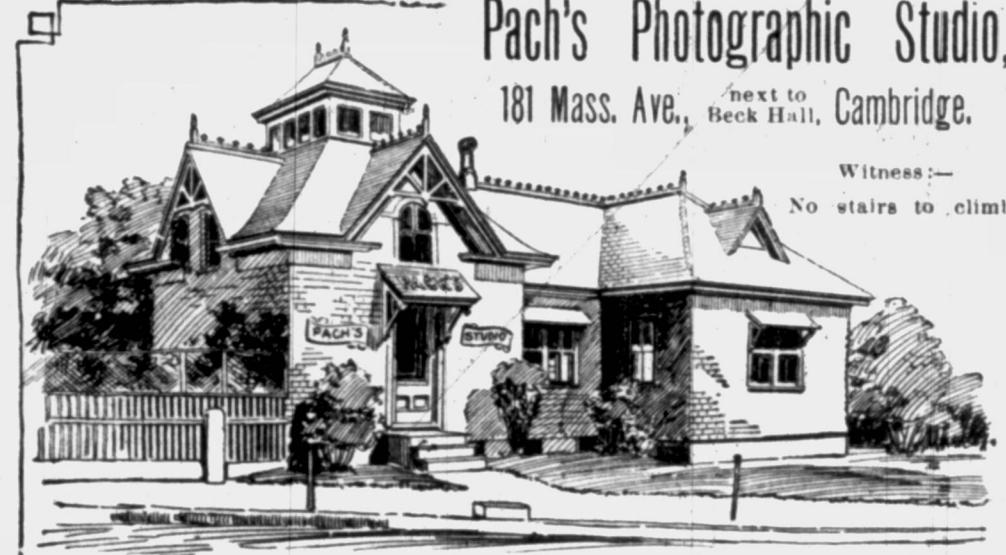
Arlington Heights Locals.

—Our correspondent forwarded too
late to go in the notice given in last
week's paper of Master Willie Partridge's
new year's party a pleasant account of a
charming musical program which was a
marked feature of the occasion, so we
give it here as follows: "The first of the
evening was devoted to games, after
which a fine program was arranged for

SANTA CLAUS GIFTS AT COST IN OUR OWN TOWN.

Rocking Chairs, Rocking Horses, Desks, High Chairs,—for the babies.
Couches, Smoking Chairs, Chiffonieres and Shaving Glasses,—for the papas.
Sewing and Work Tables, Fancy Inlaid Tables, Lamp and Jardiniere Stands,
with Rocking Chairs, Portiers, Pictures, etc., etc.,—for the mammas.

At W. W. ROBERTSON'S,
Swan's Block, Arlington Centre,
Below R. R. Crossing.



Boots, Shoes and Rubbers,

New Fall and Winter Goods

Ladies' Fine Kids, and Ladies' Misses' and Childrens' Box Calf for school wear
Misses' and Childrens' Spring Heel Shoes a specialty. Boys' styles at very low
PRICES. Call and examine stock and prices before going elsewhere, as it is no
trouble to show goods. Men's and Boys' shoes all Prices to suit the trade. We
have the best line of Men's Box Calf, both black and russet, ever shown for \$3;
they cannot but please; take a look at them. Full stock of Gentlemen's Furn-
ishing Goods now in stock. Complete new stock of Fall and Winter Gloves,
Men's and Boys' Clothing Boys' Short Pants, Hats, Caps and Umbrellas, Trunks,
and Bags. Repairing promptly and neatly done.

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his young guests which consisted of
piano solos by Miss Minerva Piper and
Annie Tufts of the Heights, and the
Misses Tewksbury, of Medford; vocal selec-
tions by Miss Viola Davenport, of
Medford, Miss Mann, of the Heights,
Misses Dadmun, of W. Somerville; violin
solos by Miss Williams, of Lexington; banjo solo by Miss Drown, of Bos-
ton, recitation by Miss Ethel Black,
the little daughter of Mrs. Lillian Lawrence,
the leading lady of Castle Sq. Theatre. It was considered a great treat
to the young people to meet Miss Ethel
as Miss Lawrence is a great favorite with
the children of Arlington Heights. Supper
was served at 9 o'clock, after which the
remainder of the evening was spent in
playing games.

—Mr. Frank L. Byrne managed a
dancing party which was the leading
social feature of the closing of the old
year. It took place in Crescent Hall on
Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, and was in
the form of the popular "hurdy-gurdy"
party. The attendance was not quite as
large as was hoped but it made up in so-
ciability what it lacked in numbers. The
ladies looked pretty in summer toilettes
and many wore garden hats, while some
of the young men were in summer négl-
é costumes, all of which lent color, and
variety to the scene which, with the music
of the hurdy-gurdy and tambourine,
was an animated one. The tambourine
girl played marvellously well and was
dressed in her picturesque native costume.
Her exhibition of skill and dexter-
ity was of exceptional merit. Besides
playing the tambourine she entertained
the company by singing Italian songs
to the accompaniment of an ac-
cordion played by herself. On the after-
noon of the same day Mr. Byrne had a
party for his dancing class which is
larger than usual this year and a decided
success. His own genial temperament
was a prominent factor in all he under-
takes.

—Arlington is represented by quite a
cavalcade of horse-back riders on the
Mystic valley boulevard these pleasant
winter days, who have excellent mounts
and sit their horses well. The riders in-
clude Judge J. H. Hardy, Louis W. and
Sam'l H. Cutting, Messrs. Howard W.
Spurr, H. B. Pierce, H. A. Phinney and
Waterman A. Taft. Mr. Spurr is a veter-
an rider, this having been his favorite
pastime ever since he came to Arlington
to reside, but the other gentlemen have
taken it up within a comparatively recent
time. The cycle is an excellent substi-
tute, but for a preference give us a horse
every time.

—Mr. Chas. Tookey will lead the Y.
P. S. C. E. meeting, held on Sunday
evening at 6.30 o'clock in Union Chapel.
The topic is "Our temptations and their
conquest."

—Tickets for the concert in the chapel
next Tuesday evening can be obtained of
the committee—Messrs. W. E. Lloyd, L.
F. Bridgman, and E. P. White; also on
sale by C. A. Cushing, C. G. Sloan and
Mrs. Deane.

—The annual business meeting of the
Evangelical Parish was held in the Chapel
Monday evening, at 7.45, when a good
number gathered to listen to the reports

—Miss Maze Simpson has been enter-
taining a couple of friends at her home
the past week.

—The Juniors hold their prayer meet-
ing in the Chapel Saturday afternoon, at
3.30, to which all are welcome.

—Mr. Arthur Schnetzer has been spend-
ing the past week at Springfield, where he
is the guest of his uncle who used to live
at the Heights.

—Subscriptions for the ADVOCATE are
now due. Please make prompt payment
by check, money order or to the local
agent at Mrs. Deane's newspaper stand.

—The Sunday evening prayer meeting
will be held at the residence of Mr. B.
F. Cann, 73 Crescent Hill avenue, at 7.30
Sunday evening next, to which all are invited.

—Mr. Cushing's grocery has been se-
lected by the post-office department as a
stamp and money order station for the
convenience of the Heights branch of the
department. A more convenient place
could not have been selected.

—The Evangelical Parish invites all to
attend their Sunday school, which meets in
the Chapel every Sunday afternoon, at
2.45; also the preaching service at 2.30.
Rev. A. E. Stembridge will preach, as
usual, next Sunday.

—The Arlington Heights Y. P. S. C.
E. and church prayer meeting will be
held in the Chapel, Wednesday evening,
at 7.30. Topic, "Our temptations and
their conquest." Heb. 4: 11-16. Miss E.
F. Bennett will lead the meeting, to
which all are welcome.

—The "Eltric" Club met Saturday
evening last with Miss Davidson. Whilst
was played for two hours and pretty
prizes awarded. The business was quickly
disposed of and everything satisfactorily
arranged. The next meeting will be held
with Miss Elsa Bridgman, January 15th.

—Remember the date of Tuesday next,
Jan. 11th, and make no other engage-
ment as you must hear the noted Bellini
Musical Club which will give their deli-
ghtful performance on the Swiss bells
and other musical eccentricities in Union
Chapel, on that evening. Tickets 25
and 35 cents. Concert at 8.

—"Maintaining high ideals," will be
the subject of the sermon on Sunday
morning, at eleven o'clock, by Rev. Mr.
Ely, at the Union church. All are invited
to attend the Bible class at 12.15,
at which hour the Sunday school meets.
The attendance at the Bible class is in-
creasing and much interest is manifested.
The society of Christian Endeavor will
meet at 6.30, p. m.

—The introduction of the mail carrier
system in this section on Jan. 1st, '98,
was accompanied by more or less confu-
sion in the mail service, which will no
doubt be straightened out when the car-
riers have a chance to familiarize them-
selves with their new route. We have
always asserted that the carrier system
cannot be a success in a sparsely settled
territory like the Heights and it is a ques-
tion if it is so in even much larger places.
Instead of having five mails a day we
now have but two, and everything of a
local nature has first to go to Arlington
before it can be distributed here, making
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of the various officers and committees,
also to elect officers for the ensuing year.
The various reports showed that the par-
ish is in an exceptionally good condition.
Especially was this true of the treasurer's
report, which showed that the parish bids
farewell to the old year with all
bills paid and a good sum already on
hand with which to start the new year.
The following officers were elected for
the ensuing year:—President, Rev. A.
E. Stembridge; clerk, Mr. E. W. Nicoll;
treasurer, Miss E. F. Bennett; standing
committee, Rev. A. E. Stembridge, Mrs.
G. H. Averill, Mr. E. W. Nicoll, Miss C.
S. Vickery, Mr. J. R. Manu, Miss E. F.
Bennett; Miss Margaret Elder, Mr. I. L.
Watts, Mrs. G. L. Dow. The same board
of trustees as last year was re-elected.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is
really no trick about it. Anybody can
try it who has Lame Back and Weak
Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles.
We mean he can cure himself right away
by taking Electric Bitters. This medi-
cine tones up the whole system, acts as a
stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a
blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures
Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells,
Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is
purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and re-
stores the system to its natural vigor.
Try Electric Bitters and be convinced
that they are a miracle worker. Every
bottle guaranteed. Only 50¢ a bottle at
A. A. Tilden's Drug Store, Arlington,
and L. G. Babcock's, Lexington.

Old Belfry Club Notes.

A progressive whisky party is being ar-
ranged for next Tuesday evening, Jan.
11, at 7.30.

Entry blanks are posted for an individ-
ual candle pin tournament. Entries
close Feb. 15th.

Poole will play for the next informal
game which will take place on the even-
ing of Friday, Jan. 21st.

In designating the absentees on teams
bowling in the house tournament a star
will be used against the average given.
Remember a star against the individual
total means "not present."

In the prize practice games, for which
a strip of ten bowling tickets is awarded
for making the highest total in three consecutive
strings in his class, the awards last week were to Rolfe (558) in first
class and West (527) in second class.
The other strips were awarded in the
order of their class to Messrs. Bigelow,
Smith, Locke and Sherman.

On Monday evening Capt. Peabody's team
won by a wide margin over team 4
in the bowling match. The totals were
as follows:—

Team 4—Redman *375, A. E. Mulliken
429, Rowse 381, Macomber 340, S. Bigelow
342; team totals 628, 651, 588, -1867.
Team 5—Peabody 501, Clarke 412, F.
Locke 431, H. V. Smith *421, Moody
315; team totals 638, 747, 695-2080.

Dr. Rolfe's team seems to be forging
ahead in the club house tournament, win-
ning again in the game of last Friday
evening, when they bowled with team
two with the following results:—

Team 2—Valentine 432, F. Sherburne
360, Wiswell 429, R. Sherburne 347, W.
Sher

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An Old Romance.

An Oxford Bible is on the table before me. On the title page is written William Hill, Jun., His Bible, 1796.

First of January, 1896, I sat alone in the large parlor of our home in Dubuque, Iowa. I was thinking of New Year's days the many happy anniversaries in the New England in old West Cambridge.

An irresistible impulse seized me. I pulled out a sofa and in a corner behind it was a large book-case my mother had made from pine and hemlock cones she picked up in West Cambridge woods. I put my hand unconsciously down behind the rows of books, and took up this Bible, a wedding gift from William Hill, to his son William, who was married to Nancy Bond, of Watertown, Massachusetts, 1796.

William Hill, senior, was a Revolutionary grandfather to us, and he was in the battles of Lexington and West Cambridge, April 19, 1775, Bunker Hill, siege of Boston and through the war.

My father, William Hill, the 3d, was seventeen and my mother, Harriet Swan, was sixteen when one day they happened to be standing under a high sweeting apple tree at the Hill homestead on Swan's corner in West Cambridge.

The revolutionary grandfather came out of the house and stood by the young couple. "Harriet Swan!" he exclaimed, "You shall marry my Billy, and I will build you a house right here under this high sweeting tree." My father loved my mother dearly and it made him happy to hear what his grandfather said, but my mother was mortified and went home displeased.

Ten years afterward my father married my mother. As we children grew up, we heard many smiling allusions about our great-grandfather and the high sweeting apple tree. Mother said one day, "William, will you give me ground for a flower garden, and where can I have it?" "By the high sweeting tree," was the answer. And many were the conferences between them, of red and white damson roses, tulips, carnation pinks, sweet williams, honeysuckle and pansies, and here was also planted some magnificent peonies.

My mother died in 1867. Some time afterward we asked father, what was the mystery about the high sweeting tree and he told us with tears in his eyes. After father's death, we came west. Our faithful gardener, Jerry Burke, dug up roots of red, white and pink peonies, and expressed them to Dubuque.

We had no land of our own, and so gave the roots to several of our friends and they blossomed for us every Memorial day. One day a friend called to me as I was riding by and said, "Stop and I will give you some of your peony blossoms" and she brought a bank of them all wet with dew.

As I went by a friend's house, I thought to myself, this lady knew my Uncle Jonas Hill, of Reading, Mass., I will give her a lot of these beautiful peonies. She took them, thanking me, and made a lovely sketch in water colors and the picture is framed and hangs on the wall of the parlor as I write, and is a perpetual remembrance of the great

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ABBOTT S. MITCHELL and 13 others.

Filed Dec. 11, 1897.

A true copy, Attest:

WALTER C. WARDWELL,

Deputy Sheriff.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At a meeting of the County Commissioners for the County of Middlesex, at Lowell, in said County, on the first Tuesday of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, to wit, by adjournment at Cambridge, in said County, on the twenty-first day of December, A. D., 1897.

On the foregoing petition, Ordered, that the Sheriff of said County, or his Deputy, give notice to all persons and corporations interested therein, that said Commissioners will meet for the purpose of examining and determining the parties, at the Town Hall, in Lexington, in said County, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, by serving the Clerk of the Town of Lexington with a copy of said petition and of this order thereon, thirty days at least before said view, and by publishing the same in the **ARLINGTON MAN**, a newspaper printed at said Lexington, three weeks successively, the last publication to be fourteen days, at least, before said view, and also by posting the same in two public places in the said town of Lexington fourteen days before said view; and that he make return of his findings herein, to said Commissioners, at the time and place fixed for said view and hearing.

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PATENT REMINDERS.

SOME FUNNY THINGS WHICH INVENTORS HAVE MADE.

A Bracelet to Make Her Think of Engagements—Many Devices for the Convenience of Sleepy Heads—One to Thwart the Grave Robber.

Psychologists assert that civilized human beings are growing more absent-minded. The average man of intelligence today is not alert, not so conscious of his immediate environments, as he was a century ago. He does more thinking than he did then, and a greater part of his business in life is left to the purely mechanical brain functions.

The inventors, always a step ahead of the requirements of the times, are already at work devising contrivances to summon absent attention. One of the latest of these is a bracelet that has an alarm watch attached to it. The wearer, having an engagement at a certain hour, sets the watch, and when the time arrives a little needle point pricks her arm and reminds her of the duty.

At the patent office a large class of inventions is comprised under the head of "alarms"—these being machines by which persons who otherwise would not think are made to think. The average individual is obliged, however unwillingly, to get up at a certain time in the morning. To provide for this requirement many ingenious persons have applied their talents to the production of contrivances for awakening people and compelling them to arise. There is a kind of bedstead, for example, which holds its mattress in a frame that is retained in the normal position by a catch. At the proper hour the catch, operated by a clockwork mechanism, loses its grip, and the mattress frame becomes vertical instead of horizontal, throwing sleepy head out upon the floor.

There is another sort of bed which lets the head of the sleepy person drop when getting up time arrives one end of the mattress frame collapsing. But one of the queerest of the patented methods of waking people up involves the employment of a tin pan and a weight hung by a cord. When the hands of a clock reach a certain point, the weight is released and falls upon the pan, making a direful racket. Another oddity is a frame from which are suspended a number of corks. During the night it is lowered gradually by a clockwork mechanism until at the proper hour and minute the dangling corks begin to bob against the nose and face of the sleeper. Of course he wakes up. The most obvious advantage of these sleep alarms is that they render anxiety on the part of the sleeper unnecessary, so far as rising is concerned. He can snooze undisturbed by the necessity of watching himself.

Hayseed visitors in the city will insist on blowing out the gas notwithstanding all the newspaper jokes on the subject. To provide against such accidents, a citizen of Ashland, Wis., has invented a little apparatus that is intended to be attached to every gas fixture in a hotel. The breath of a person who attempts to blow out the gas tilts a delicately balanced electrode and closes a circuit, giving an alarm in the office. Another kind of alarm, patented by a Chicago man, notifies the householder of escaping gas. If you are afraid of pickpockets, you can obtain protection by wearing a small machine that makes a big disturbance in case anybody tries to put his hand into your pocket.

Even after death you may find alarms a service. If a grave robber comes along, a torpedo placed in the coffin for that purpose will blow him to smithereens. Supposing that the disturbance wakes you to life again, a clockwork mechanism will start a bell to ringing, while a red flag runs up to the top of the tombstone, giving notice that a prompt resurrection is desired. Speaking of waking up suggests mention of some odd contrivances for doing necessary things before getting out of bed in the morning. One of these, patented by a lazy Vermonter, enables one to turn on the draft of a stove or furnace and then turn over for a supplementary snooze. This, however, is a primitive contrivance compared with the invention of a resident of Providence which provides for the feeding of a whole stableful of live stock at daybreak. Mr. Sleepy Head simply turns on his pillow and jerks a cord, which opens a valve in the stable and lets down the requisite quantity of feed into a trough.

There are quite a number of inventions for lighting the fire in the morning without getting out of bed. They are all operated by clockwork. The best of them is credited to an Illinois genius. A clock is set for a certain time, and when the proper minute is reached the mechanism "throws" a lever, which draws a match across a piece of sandpaper and ignites the kindling. One of the latest patents is for a street lamp which has a clockwork apparatus attached to it. At the correct moment for which the machine is set it closes an electric circuit, at the same time opening the gas pipe. Immediately the gas is ignited, and it burns until shut off by the clockwork at daybreak in the morning. In this way the street lamps all over a city may be made to light themselves simultaneously without the intervention of human hands.

A citizen of Austin is the author of a sort of water clock that is wound by rain. On the roof of a house is a trough that catches the rainwater, which flows into the tank. When the tank is filled to a certain point, it empties the water into a bucket which is connected by a cord with the winding drum of an ordinary clock. The bucket falls, and by its weight pulls up the clock weight, thus winding the clock. Finally the bucket reaches the floor, when a valve in its bottom opens and the water runs out. Then it ascends and resumes its original position, so as to be ready to wind the clock up again after awhile.—Washington Cor. Philadelphia Times.

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She Was a Salvation Lassie; He, Her Husband—Traveling Men Didn't Know That. A clever trick was worked by Walter Redmond and his wife at Union station by which several traveling men were duped out of their money. At the end of a long seat in the waiting room was a pretty and modest looking young woman attired in a Salvation Army uniform. She was very intent upon a paper which she was reading and paid little attention to the crowd of traveling men standing near her.

Aside from the crowd was a well dressed young man, who was walking back and forth by the newsstand puffing away at a fragrant cigar. Finally a member of the crowd of traveling men remarked upon the beauty of the little Salvation Army worker. All eyes were fixed on the little woman, and she received many compliments. The prosperous looking young man who had been walking near the group of drummers drew near to the crowd. He, too, was struck with the appearance of the woman.

"I'll give any one of you fellows \$15 if you kiss that girl," said he.

Those in the crowd took the dare. One spoke up, however, and said to the stranger who had offered the money, "I'll bet you \$20 that you can't kiss her."

The stranger hesitated for several seconds and then said:

"I'll just take that bet."

The money was put up, and the stranger, who had given his name as Walter Redmond, walked over toward the little woman in uniform, and, after bowing profoundly, took a seat by her side.

At first the woman seemed to be very indignant, and the traveling man thought he had the \$20 won. A minute later, however, Redmond's arm stole around the woman's waist. The spectators then began to open their eyes wide. One of them said: "That fellow has a whole lot of influence over that girl. It may be that he is a hypnotist." Redmond talked for probably two minutes and then kissed the woman.

Redmond walked over to the stakeholder and received his money. He then started from the depot. The little woman quickly arose from her seat, and, taking his arm, walked to Ninth and Broadway, where the couple took an East Broadway car. Redmond is tall and handsome. His wife is a blond and is exceptionally pretty.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A HINT TO ARTISTS.

One Way of Putting Rejected Exhibits to Good Use.

They were riding on the Fourteenth street cars and their conversation was edifying. The man with the long hair was evidently a sculptor, and his companion, a large, jolly looking fellow, was trying to persuade him to present a work of art to some society woman who had a mania for collecting bric-a-brac and articles of vertu.

"I told her that you would, I thought, in time present her with some memento, a statuette illustrating your peculiar style. Was I wrong in saying so?"

The sculptor answered indignantly: "I know her well enough to tell you she cannot distinguish between manufactured trinkets and works of art. In fact, she thinks all artists are manufacturers and can turn out statuettes as easily as the rich stove ornament man who gave her a nickel plated mule. Then, too, a brass fixture artist gave her something from the brass foundry, and she thought it great. Never, in my judgment, could she appreciate a true work of art."

"Then you refuse to give her a sample of your work? Remember, she has great influence."

"I do not refuse. I'll give her that model in plaster of paris which was refused by the committee last month. She will think it great, whether or not the committee did."

"Good! She will think it magnificent and get you an order."—New York Commercial.

A Dramatic Assassination.

By far the most dramatic royal assassination was that of the Emperor Paul of Russia on March 24, 1801, by his nobles. As usual Paul had retired to rest booted and spurred in his regiments. At the dead of night he was awakened by an unusual noise. The hussar who guarded his chamber door—the only faithful sentry, as it proved, in the palace—was being killed by nine nobles. They burst into the room and began to attack the emperor. Paul hid behind chairs and tables and begged for his life. He offered to make each of his assailants a prince. He offered to abdicate in vain. Then he made a wild dash for the window, fearfully gashing himself, but he was dragged back. He seized a chair and for some time kept the nine of them at bay, and only after terrific struggles was he seized and strangled with his own sash.

Pointed.

"Isn't your father of rather a retiring disposition?" asked the young man whose chief weakness is to stay late.

"Yes," she answered demurely, "he retires at 10 and insists that the house be closed within half an hour of that time."—Detroit Free Press.

A Freeze.

"I don't quite catch the drift of your remarks," said the girl who willfully misunderstood.

"I think I do of yours," said the young man who had been trying to propose. "It is something in the nature of a snowdrift."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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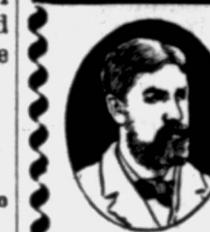
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played or sung at intervals in the course of the story. At each resting place Mr. Riddle received marks of warm appreciation and the chorus won the heartiest applause; but either because so many are familiar with it, or it was associated pleasantly in their minds with some other event, the rendering of the "Wedding March" on the two grand pianos and with the eight hands of the four performers already named, this number received the warmest recognition. Mr. Riddle has frequently given this reading and been supported by vocal and instrumental music in like manner. We understand he said he had never been better or more satisfactorily sustained.

The regular meeting of the club was held yesterday afternoon in Grand Army Hall, the president, Mrs. Norton, in the chair. First upon the program was a baritone solo by Mr. Fred Roberts. Mr. Roberts was in fine voice and gave much pleasure by the dashing melody of his two selections, "The Wedding Morn" and "The Son of the Desert."

After the reading of the secretary's report, various items of business were transacted, among others being the adoption of green and white as the club colors. Mrs. Norton then introduced Miss Helen S. Dudley, who came upon the invitation of the Educational Department, to speak to the club upon "The Educational Work of the College Settlement." Miss Dudley is a resident of Denison House, Boston's college settlement, and her address was occupied chiefly with a description of the work done there. Her love for the work was manifest in every word she spoke, and she kindled in her hearers the deepest sympathy for the people who long for educational advantages but are deprived of them by the hard condition of their lives. In telling what the settlement is doing for these people, she spoke of the kindergarten class, the kitchen garden class, in which children are taught how to perform household tasks, cooking and sewing classes, classes in drawing, history, penmanship and grammar. A successful woman's club has been established, in which the mothers of the neighborhood meet to discuss household economics, and which has been addressed by some of the best speakers in Boston. In speaking of the unsanitary condition of the homes, and their crowded and unattractive appearance, Miss Dudley said one of the most helpful features of the settlement work was the affording a pleasant place where the young people of the neighborhood could gather for social enjoyment. One of the most effective methods of combating the saloon and other immoral influences she believes to be the opening of reading rooms in the poorer quarters of the city. In closing, Miss Dudley said that friends of this good work can aid it by subscriptions for Denison House or by inviting parties of children from there into the country in the summer.

Rudyard Kipling contributes to the January St. Nicholas the second of his "Just-So Stories." The present one tells "How the Camel Got His Hump," and Oliver Herford furnishes a number of illustrations for it. There is the first chapter in a new serial, "Through the Earth." This is a fairy-tale of science. By means of great improvements in electrical appliances, a scientist succeeds in boring a tunnel through the earth from America to Australia. The other serials have interesting instalments. The lively boys who make up "The Larkin Athletic Club," in the story by Rupert Hughes, take up hockey on the ice. Frank R. Stockton, in "The Buccaneers of Our

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Coast," recounts the surprising adventures of the noted pirate Bartholemew Portuguez. The "Two Biddicut Boys," of Mr. Trowbridge's tale, begin their exciting chase for the remarkable trick-dog. The romance of chivalry, "With the Black Prince," by W. O. Stoddard, deals with the campaign of the English army in Normandy. A timely article on Greater New York, by Ernest Ingolsen, is called "Reasoning Out a Metropolis."

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Wednesday a man in the employ of Mr. James Hanna, who is building the dwelling house for Mr. C. W. Ilsley, on Pond lane, fell from one of the windows and broke a hip.

Janitor R. H. White, of Post Office Block, is limping considerably in consequence of a hurt received from the heavy iron grating there falling on his foot. It cut through boot and stocking and to the bone on the injured foot, but no bone was broken.

Last evening, Rev. Dr. Lyman, of St. James' parish, Cambridge, made a visitation to St. John's parish here, and his cordial remarks were in the nature of a welcome to Rev. Mr. Yeames, the new rector of the parish, who also was listened to with interest.

Arlington Boat Club Notes.

The club members and their friends were entertained by three young men, two of whom sang and played the piano and banjo while the other gave an exhibition of a number of card tricks and sleight of hand performances which filled the time in a more or less enjoyable manner, last Monday evening, when the monthly "Smoker" took place. Messrs. Howlett and Wolburg were the musical and character artists, while Samuel Bailey was the magician.

Rankin was high bowler last week the total being 560.

Tuesday evening next, the 11th, is the date of the entertainment to be given in honor of the lady friends of the club.

The Boston A. A. bowlers come to the club house next Wednesday evening to bowl with Team 2d of the Circuit team.

A. B. C. Amateur League goes to Charlestown next Thursday evening, the 13th, to bowl.

The handicap billiard and pool tournaments are successfully inaugurated and promise to furnish interesting events for quite a number of the club members who have entered the same.

The monthly business meeting of the Board of Directors will occur next Monday evening.

A close contest was rolled Tuesday night in the Amateur Bowling League tournament with the Newtowners of Cambridge, the latter winning two games to one, though the Arlingtons knocked down three more pins in the aggregate. The first game was very even from start to finish, first one team having a slight advantage and then the other. Newtons won out by 12 pins. Whittemore and Rankin bunched three strikes and

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Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ballard, Mr. J. F. Turner and wife, Mrs. E. R. Goodwin, Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, Mrs. Lewis Hunt, Mrs. Lucy Whiting, Mrs. H. G. Locke, Mrs. W. H. Greeley, Mrs. H. M. Saben, Miss Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Z. Hamblen, Mrs. Herbert A. Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dale, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. West, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Gilmore, Dr. and Mrs. Merriam, Miss Wellington, Mrs. J. W. Willard.

Of the unmarried people of the usual dancing set there was a full representation on the floor but the "buds" carried off the palm for numbers and general attractiveness. The young lady in pink referred to, and two others, one in white organdie and blue and the other in figured organdie of the same becoming shades, divided honors as "belles of the ball." The ushers were L. E. Crane (prest. corps), Irving Tuttle, Arthur Turner, Jas. Smith, Wm. Ballard, Lester Redman.

Caught in the Act.

Henry A. Frost, aged 21, who has lived on Curve street, East Lexington, for two months, and who claims to be a weaver from Lowell, was taken before the district court, at Concord, on Tuesday by the Lexington police officers to answer to the charge of breaking and entering a building, and assault with intent to kill. He was caught by a West End motorman, Arthur M. Griffin, who is the complainant. Mr. Griffin says that when entering the yard of his home, corner of Massachusetts avenue and Sylvia street, Monday afternoon, he heard the crash. Going to the rear he found a man trying to get through a broken window. The man attacked Griffin with a knife but failed to wound, as the latter was too quick in eluding his savage lunges. After a fight Griffin overpowered the stranger and conducted him to the Arlington Police Station. The police, not having jurisdiction, returned the man to Lexington, where his identity was learned and formal complaint entered. There was no one in the house when the break was made. In the police court before Judge Keyes, Frost pleaded guilty and was held \$500 for the February term of the superior court. The man stole two rings.

Persons who are troubled with indigestion will be interested in the experience of Wm. H. Penn, chief clerk in the railway mail service at Des Moines, Iowa, who writes: "It gives me pleasure to testify to the merits of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For two years I have suffered from indigestion, and am subject to frequent severe attacks of pain in the stomach and bowels. One or two doses of this remedy never fails to give perfect relief." Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by O. W. Whittemore, Arlington, and by L. G. Babcock, Lexington, druggists.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Notices of concerts, lectures, entertainments, etc., to which an admission fee is charged, or from which a revenue is derived, must be paid for advertisements by the line.

On Tuesday the trustees of Cary Library held their regular monthly business meeting at the Library.

The new list of books added to Cary Library up to Jan. 1st, will be found printed on one of the inside pages.

Monday evening, Jan. 10th, is the date for the regular monthly meeting of Simon W. Robinson Lodge, F. & A. M.

In the absence on Sunday last of Miss Grace Judkins, the organist, Miss Lilly Smith presided at the organ of the Baptist church.

Miss Bessie Buckley is pursuing a successful course in stenography, typewriting, etc., at Bryant & Stratton's business college, Boston.

Lexington's Board of Fire Engineers held their regular business meeting on Monday evening at the residence of Chief Walcott, on Muzzey street.

The first assembly in a series of three, to be given by Circle Lodge, A. O. U. W., will take place on Friday evening, Jan. 14th—a week from to-night.

Next regular meeting of Independent Lodge is to be held on Tuesday next. The lodge is going to give a grand ball on the evening of Jan. 27th, in Town Hall.

The rector of the Church of Our Redeemer will deliver a course of sermon lectures on the stories of Genesis, beginning next Sunday evening with that of the creation.

To-day (Friday) a thimble party is being held by the ladies of the Home Missionary Union, at Sunnyslope, the residence of Mrs. C. C. Goodwin. The vacancy in the officers will be filled at this time.

Mrs. Edw. Harold Crosby entertained on Friday last, at 47 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, the Castilian Club, when Mrs. Abba Good Woolson, the distinguished writer and lecturer, was the guest of honor.

A pleasant family reunion took place last week at the residence of Mr. Geo. Z. Lucy K. Damon celebrated her eightieth birthday, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

The Loomis-Manning Filter Co. have this week been putting in, at the Lexington Water Works station, two of their system of double cylinder bone-block filters, for the purpose of purifying the water supply. The apparatus is a complicated and expensive one, but without doubt will prove a great acquisition in making our water supply more pure and palatable to the taste. The water board is convinced of the excellence of the system and feel very sure they have secured for Lexington that which will be the best method as well as the cheapest in the end.

Dr. W. O. Perkins has issued a neat circular invitation to residents of the town to attend a lecture which he is to give in the hall of the Hancock school building, on the evening of Monday next, Jan. 10th, at 8 o'clock. He has carefully and concisely formulated a syllabus which gives a clear idea of his comprehension of the subject in hand, the title of his lecture being "The human voice in song and speech." Mrs. Elizabeth Wright Shaw, of Lowell, will demonstrate his method and give variety to the lecture by singing in duett and other selections, making in all an interesting and instructive evening which will afford an excellent opportunity for those who are not informed to obtain a more comprehensive idea of voice culture.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held Wednesday evening. Reports of committees and the treasurer showed a prosperous year's work, both financially and otherwise. There is sufficient money now in the hands of the treasurer to meet all bills and leave a handsome balance with which to begin the new year. Sixteen members have been added to the church during the year, a net gain in membership of eleven.

The new officers and committees elected are as follows:—Clerk, C. P. Ashley; treasurer, Geo. H. Roberts; collector, Cora K. Norris; auditor, C. H. Franks; standing committee, Geo. L. Norris, Joseph Steele, George H. Roberts, A. C. Smith, Rev. J. H. Cox; prudential committee, Dea. C. P. Ashley, Dea. Geo. H. E. Fessenden, H. A. Patterson, H. E. Tibbits, Rev. J. H. Cox.

Special services for the week of prayer have been held at Baptist church this week, which began last Friday evening with a "watch meeting." The order of services at this meeting was as follows:—At 7.30-8, church covenant meeting and reception of new members; 8-9 o'clock, "Our personal consecration," H. E. Tibbits, leader; 9-10, "Our church," Rev. J. H. Cox, leader; 10-11, "Our Sunday school," C. P. Ashley, leader; 11-11.55, "Our Endeavor Society," H. A. Patterson, leader. On Sunday, at 10.20, there was preaching by Mrs. S. Louise Barton, of Boston, her theme being "Prodigals." Mrs. Barton also lead the service at East Lexington, in Emerson Hall, at 3, p.m. She also spoke in the audience room of the Baptist church, Sunday evening, at seven o'clock, on the theme, "Can we afford it?" At this service a collection was taken for Mrs. Barton. This esteemed lady is highly commended as a forceful speaker and is connected with the Evangelistic Association, with the Clarendon street church, and is a director of the Mass. Total Abstinence Society.

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It was five degrees below zero at Lexington, Tuesday morning. Up to that time the sleighing for a week past was excellent while the icy hillsides offered a fine surface for coasting and tobogganing. The snow which fell Tuesday evening has had the effect of continuing the good sleighing.

Miss Rose Whitney had a very pleasant gathering of twenty of her young friends, on New Year's evening. All sorts of new and interesting games were played. An odd way of finding one's partner for refreshments was in vogue and occasioned no end of fun. A refreshing little supper was served and the evening terminated with many Happy New Year wishes for the young hostess.

At an adjourned meeting of the Church of Our Redeemer for the election of wardens and vestrymen and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held next Monday evening. The rector requests a full attendance.

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At an adjourned meeting of the Congregational church, held Thursday evening, Dec. 30th, the following officers were chosen for the year 1898:—Deacon, to fill term left uncompleted by resignation of A. C. Stone; Edward P. Merriam; deacon two years. J. Haven Powers; clerk, James P. Prince; treas., Alvah C. Stone; music com., Francis E. Tufts, Abram C. Washburne, Mrs. A. M. Tucker. The meeting was then adjourned for one week.

The Lexington Guild conducted the services at Morgan Chapel, in Emerson Hall, at 3, p.m. She also spoke in the audience room of the Baptist church, Sunday evening, at seven o'clock, on the theme, "Can we afford it?" At this service a collection was taken for Mrs. Barton. This esteemed lady is highly commended as a forceful speaker and is connected with the Evangelistic Association, with the Clarendon street church, and is a director of the Mass. Total Abstinence Society.

The Russell House was the scene of a delightfully informal and enjoyable dancing party which took place there on the evening of Wednesday, under the management of C. H. Stevens, a young man who has recently come to Lexington to reside and been warmly welcomed by one of our leading society-sets, and which patronized the party to the extent of making it a large and brilliant one.

Russell hall and its several adjoining rooms made a charming setting for the party and were handsomely decorated and furnished. A quantity of pine trees, evergreen and laural gave a delicious woody odor and the green bower effect obtained was highly becoming to the ladies and the dainty toilettes donned to grace the occasion. Mrs. Albert Griffiths, Mrs. Edwin Read and Mrs. Wm. R. Muuroe patronized the party and were in elegant black evening toilettes, which were stylishly worn by all three and exceptionally becoming and enhanced by handsome jewels. The manager of the party was assisted by Messrs. Albert Griffiths and Carlton Shaw as ushers and who were attentive and polite to guests, seeking to introduce them and to promote the social element so desirable in making an affair of this kind pass off smoothly. Three instrumental pieces furnished the dance music and claret punch was served throughout the evening, while all partook of a spread of ice cream and cake at intermission. The Lexington Golf Club was largely represented at the party, while many of the young people from the centre district who are leaders in the dancing set were present also.

The story "Married for Money" was awarded the first prize of \$10 in the Post's short story contest last week. The author, Miss Clara E. Whittier, of Lexington, is a young lady who is studying with an intention of seeking future fame and fortune through the exacting duties of medicine. Her story is well written, with a moral at the close many thoughtless girls might find it to their happiness to consider before they find, too late, that a union without love is a mistake.

Miss Hudson, the president of the Woman's Alliance, presented Mrs. Jas. A. Beatty as the speaker of the afternoon, at the meeting held at Mrs. W. H. Greeley's residence, Hancock street, Tuesday afternoon. This lady gave a thoughtful and practical paper on "The things we most need," and there was a strong religious trend of thought through all she had to say. She spoke of the importance of perceiving our duty and then having strength of character to discharge it conscientiously and, further, not to let the mistake of yesterday interfere with the duty of to-day. At the close of the paper Mrs. Greeley served five o'clock tea.



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